

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

Sen. Doggett's office said the bill can be rewritten to avoid constitutional constraints. The Laguna Gloria Art Museum is expanding its operations and had sought the transfer of property rights to the city of Austin in hopes of obtaining more financing from the city. The use of the property will not change. The bill will probably be reintroduced in a future legislative session.

NOTES:

HB 1415, by Sutton, also dealing with reversionary rights, was vetoed by Gov. White for the same reason.

Private process servers
(SB 253, by Washington)

DIGEST:

The bill would have authorized the Secretary of State to license and regulate persons and organizations serving certain civil papers. These private process servers could not have served a writ of attachment, sequestration, or execution, or other paper involving the seizure and detention of property. Fees charged by private process servers could not have been higher than those charged by an officer of the court, and private fees could not have been included in court costs. Licensed process servers would not have been officers of the court.

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS FOR
VETO:

The bill would result in a loss of revenue for governmental entities that now handle service of process. Also, no funding provision was made to cover the extra regulatory work the bill would have generated for the Secretary of State's office.

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Sen. Washington had no comment on the Governor's veto.

NOTES:

The HSG analysis of this bill appeared in the May 20 Daily Floor Report.